

Saturday, Jan. 29, 1972

Dear Vickie and Jim,

The presents came yesterday and they are just beautiful and a wonderful present to have from Russia. I will keep mine right on the dining room table so I can look at it all the time. Mary will love hers also and dad thought both of them were just great. I also love the picture of you Jim taken in Kiev. Your Russian fur hat is really nice. Thank you both very, very much.

Our weather is a little chilly, in the high 20's and warming up to about 35 in the afternoon so all the snow is still here. The highways are quite clear now so everything is beginning to move again but the Bellevue schools were closed all week. Almost everything was closed the first two days of the storm.

Olympia was the coldest place in Western Washington with the temperature going down to seven below one day and lots of snow. Mike would walk to the capitol and then get Durkins car and go back and pick Mary up. Their car was snowed under. Mary called last evening and said she would probably be on television so of course we watched the 6:30 news as Durkin was giving a report on taxes and it showed Mary sitting at her desk taking notes. She looked real cute and she had on her peace dress and her hair was fixed nicely.

Stella and Harold will be leaving tomorrow for Hawaii. They are due back the 10th, the day you leave on your trip.

The Russian gift paper which the presents were wrapped in is very interesting. It makes me want to study Russian again. Russia's is so much more interesting now that you have been there. I read every little article I see about it in the paper.

The Goodson house was up for bids yesterday and Cathy Minnish wanted it so badly but she didn't get it. I am anxious to find out what it sold for. It had been taken over by the F. H. A.

I hope your weather has warmed up by now. Weren't you lucky when you were in Russia that it didn't get too cold. If you have a chance will you send me your schedule on the trip to the Mediterranean? I realize I spelled it wrong and I really know how but I won't try it right now. You look so cute in the picture, Jim, and if you have one of Vickie that you can part with I would love to have it for my album.

Thanks again for the lovely presents. Mary will see hers when she comes here. They have to work this week end. Have fun getting ready for your trip.

Love,

Mom.